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TAGS: CASC (FOSSEY, DIAN)  
SUBJECT: W/W DR. DIAN FOSSEY: FURTHER ON GORILLA KILLINGS

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1. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED INDIRECTLY BY DR. FOSSEY THAT YET ANOTHER GORILLA FROM GROUP 4, THIS TIME A FEMALE, WHOM SHE NAMED "MACHO," WAS KILLED ON JULY 24 AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK ON "UNCLE BERT." BODY WAS FOUND NOT FAR FROM THAT OF "UNCLE BERT." UNLIKE THE LATTER, IT WAS NOT DECAPITATED OR OTHERWISE MUTILATED. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY ONE OF DR. FOSSEY'S ASSISTANTS INDICATES BOTH ANIMALS WERE KILLED BY GUNSHOT WOUNDS, RATHER THAN SPEARS AS ORIGINALLY BELIEVED.

2. WE ARE ALSO INFORMED THAT DR. FOSSEY REMAINS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH LOCAL ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, AND THAT TWO MORE RAIDS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN AGAINST POACHER VILLAGES RESULTING IN ARREST OF SEVERAL MORE SUSPECTS. HOWEVER,  
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NO FIREARMS HAVE BEEN FOUND, AND IT IS NOT EASY TO IMAGINE HOW POACHERS MIGHT HAVE OBTAINED THEM.

3. TO COMPLICATE MATTTTERS (OR BRING THEM TO A HEAD), DELEGATION FROM FAUNA PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN ARRIVED IN KIGALI JULY 30. GROUP IS HEADED BY DR. KAI CURRY-LINDHAHL, AN FPS DIRECTOR AND ALSO SENIOR ADVISOR

TO UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (CURRY-LINDAHL IS WIDELY AND FAVORABLY KNOWN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF WORK IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD, MUCH OF IT IN CENTRAL AFRICA). FPS GROUP ALSO INCLUDES FORMER STUDENT OF DR. FOSSEY'S, WITH WHOM SHE SUBSEQUENTLY HAD A FALLING OUT AND WHOM SHE HAS ACCUSED OF EXPLOITING DIGIT'S DEATH LAST YEAR TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HIS OWN "SELFISH" ENDS. GROUP IS MEETING TODAY WITH RWANDAN TOURISM AUTHORITIES, WITH OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF DECIDING ON APPROPRIATE PROJECT TO SPEND SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS RAISED BY SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF RWANDAN GORILLAS. FPS STRONGLY BELIEVES IT NEEDS FOSSEY'S COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD, AND CURRY-LINDAHL PLANS TO CLIMB VISOKE TO SEE HER.

4. MEANWHILE, WE ARE FURTHER INFORMED BY BELGIAN SOURCE (REFTEL) THAT FEELINGS AGAINST DR. FOSSEY WITHIN TOURISM OFFICE ARE GROWING STRONGER FOLLOWING NEWS OF LATEST GORILLA DEATHS. SOURCE ALLEGES THAT TOURISM DIRECTOR MEANS TO CHALLENGE DR. FOSSEY'S STATUS IN THIS COUNTRY AND BASIS ON WHICH SHE CLAIMS EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO GROUP 4. COMMENT: FPS VISIT IN EFFORT CONSTITUTES A CHALLENGE TO THOSE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS, ONE WHICH WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR DR. FOSSEY TO ACCEPT AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR GOR TO REFUSE.  
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